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Via Hand-Delivery

The Honorable Ronald L. Moore
District Attorney
Buncombe County Courthouse
60 Court Plaza
Asheville, NC 28801

Re: Evidence Room Audit Recommendation

Dear Mr. Moore:

As you know, Blue Line Services has conducted an audit of the evidence room that is maintained by the Asheville Police Department. This audit was performed at the direction of your office following the discovery last year that some evidence in open criminal matters had been tampered with or could not be properly accounted for.

At its meeting on July 24, the Asheville City Council heard a presentation from Mr. Mike Wright of Blue Line wherein he outlined the general findings of the audit. Mr. Wright said that his audit report, which has been submitted to you, contains some recommendations and suggestions for how the evidence room operation may be better managed in the future, and suggested that the Police Department work with the District Attorney's office to formulate and implement appropriate policies and procedures for the operation of the evidence room.

At your convenience, we would appreciate receiving any suggestions or direction regarding the management of the evidence room, so that we can better assist your office in the administration of the criminal justice system in Buncombe County.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Oast, Jr."

Robert W. Oast, Jr.
City Attorney

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cc: Mayor and City Council
Gary W. Jackson, City Manager
Chief William Anderson, Asheville Police Department
Kelly Whitlock, Assistant City Attorney